



## SEDIC: the Spanish Information Managers Association

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I have published this post to let you know SEDIC, the Spanish association of information management professionals, and the activities it organizes.

In Spain there are also other regional associations, which are accessible by the [website of their federation](#).

### About SEDIC

SEDIC was founded in 1975 and is devoted to sharing experiences and training librarians, documentalists and archivists. It also assumes an active role in representing the interests of our professional community to Spanish government administration, European Union and various international organizations.

Since its foundation, SEDIC has been contributing to:

- Disseminate the importance of information management for economic and scientific development, by stimulating the use of technologies and sources of information.
- Facilitate access and contact with the job market, by building bridges between offers and demands. Indeed, SEDIC manages a job bank.
- Encourage professional associations and stimulate the international relationships with colleagues from other countries, especially the European Union.
- Coordinate the activities of its members with those of other associations grouped in FESABID (Spanish Federation of Archival, Library and Information Society Associations).
- To train specialists in Information and Documentation, by collaborating in the design of universities' curricula regarding Librarianship and and providing professional courses.
- Represent the Documentalists and Librarians to government administration and organizations related to their area of activity, as well as in associations, conferences and international meetings.



### Training of Professionals: courses, seminars and workshops

SEDIC organizes throughout the year many courses aimed at information management professionals. Passing the courses results in a certification that will vary according to the interest shown by the students and the tasks that they have successfully completed. There are some training itineraries in which courses have been grouped by areas of specialization essential in our professional field.

There are nine training itineraries of courses:

1. [Scientific Publication and Production](#): citations, bibliographic managers, altmetrics, etc.
2. [Archives](#): government's archives, cloud technology for small companies, International Standard Archival Description, etc.
3. [Web Technologies](#): responsive web design, management of digital repositories, semantic web, etc.

4. [Documental processes](#): cataloging, MARC, RDA, etc.
5. [Legislation](#): intellectual property in the digital age, e-government, etc.
6. [Specialized Information Resources](#): health, economic and financial information, European Union resources, etc.
7. [Communication and marketing](#): content marketing, creation and edition of video content for social networks, social media plans, etc.
8. [Technology for Documentalists](#): digital preservation, content management systems, etc.
9. [Management and Planning](#): teamwork strategies and tools in virtual environments, geographic information on libraries, gamification and meaningful engagement, etc.

In addition, SEDIC organizes no-cost seminars and workshops in which specific technology, techniques or tools are taught.

The last ones were:

- Expert search strategies on Google.
- Wikipedia editing workshop.
- 3D introduction workshop.
- Valuation of Bibliographic Heritage.
- Preservation and sustainable conservation in archives and libraries.

## Information Management Conference

SEDIC organizes [a conference every year called Information Management](#) to communicate what challenges information management professionals must overcome. Likewise, the most innovative aspects are exposed in the different specialties: librarianship, archives, etc.

In 2017, the conference is taking place on November 15 at Spanish National Library and is addressing the following issues:

*Our profession has changed a lot in the last decades. Apparently, the roles, processes and challenges of information management institutions have little to do with yesterday's. How has the work of the information management professional changed in the last thirty-four years? How did you imagine the future of the profession then, and to what extent have the steps taken built what we are today? What great innovations did the preceding generations (and not necessarily technological ones) deal with? In what ways have the concepts of user, utility and social relevance, collection management, user satisfaction and evaluation, access, citizen participation, services, etc. evolved, and to what extent has it impacted our roles, training, professional objectives? How do we imagine today that these concepts will evolve, and where do we understand that the steps we are taking on this path will take us?*

## Actualízate Conference

It is an innovative idea born in 2014 that is driven by SEDIC and Universidad Complutense de Madrid's Department of Library Science. In this conference many companies related to information management show their most innovative products and services. The main purpose is to seek synergies between professionals, researcher and professors by creating a discussion forum around technological tendencies.

Furthermore, in order to promote innovation and its application, **awards** for the most innovative bachelor and master thesis in the field of Librarianship and Information Science take place during the conference.

## Guided tours and outings

[SEDIC organizes guided tours and outings](#) to institutions such as libraries and archives.

The last ones were to:

- Library and Museum of the National Astronomical Observatory.
- Archive of the Spain's Bank.
- Library of a high school.
- Spanish National Library's Department of Fine Arts.

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- Library of the Constitutional Court.

## Professional Encounters, Employment Portal and Debate Forum

SEDIC organizes meetings between professionals in which there is no lack of refreshments, agape and music. The objective is to design an informal experience for sharing professional knowledge and getting to know other people that have librarianship in common.

Likewise, the members have an employment portal in which job vacancies are published and filtered by SEDIC, as well as a discussion forum.

## Publications and Editorial News

[SEDIC publishes a series of resources](#) to maintain and develop professional skills and defend the interests of the information management professional, as they need to be up-to-date on varied issues that may arise. It let the SEDIC's members know the ongoing developments of technologies, sources and procedures:

- News bulletin.
- Blog.
- Work documents.
- Activity report.
- *Revista Española de Documentación Científica*, which is a scientific journal.

Moreover, SEDIC publishes various publishing novelties in all types of genres (narrative, essay, specialized monographs, poetry, etc.) and allows its members to get free copies that are given away by the publishers. The members can even participate by making their own reviews and publishing them on SEDIC's Blog.

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